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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

February 16, 2021

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Dear Tribal Chair and Health Director:

RE: COVID-19 Response: Submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)
for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Reimbursement Rates

This letter, in compliance with Section 1902(a)(73) and Section 2107(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act, serves as notice to all Tribal Chairs and Health Directors of the intent by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to submit a Medicaid SPA request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

MDHHS is seeking this Medicaid SPA to set reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration at 100% of Medicare rates. MDHHS expects this SPA will have a positive impact on Native American beneficiaries due to improved access to COVID-19 preventive vaccine services. The anticipated effective date of this SPA is April 1, 2021.

There is no public hearing scheduled for this SPA. Input regarding this SPA is highly encouraged, and comments regarding this notice of intent may be submitted to Lorna Elliott-Egan, MDHHS Liaison to the Michigan tribes. Lorna can be reached at 517-512-4146, or via email at Elliott-EganL@michigan.gov. **Please provide all input by April 2, 2021.**

In addition, MDHHS is offering to set up group or individual consultation meetings to discuss the SPA, according to the tribes' preference. Consultation meetings allow tribes the opportunity to address any concerns and voice any suggestions, revisions, or objections to be relayed to the author of the proposal. If you would like additional information or wish to schedule a consultation meeting, please contact Lorna Elliott-Egan at the telephone number or email address provided above.

MDHHS appreciates the continued opportunity to work collaboratively with you to care for the residents of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Massey', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Massey, Director
Medical Services Administration

CC: Keri Toback, CMS
Nancy Grano, CMS
Chasity Dial, CEO, American Indian Health and Family Services of Southeastern
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